

Oklahoma tribe works to expand its bison herd in Concho

By Juliana Keeping
Daily Oklahoman

CONCHO — The bison had free reign once.

Some tribes followed the bison. Others were forced to the region by Europeans, who introduced guns and farms and cattle and trains and slaughtered the bison. The prairie that once covered the belly of a continent disappeared, its whispers of the past barely perceptible.

“For us as native people, there is a time when both American Indians and bison were being killed off. Our numbers dwindled,” said Nathan Hart, the economic development director for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes in Concho, about 30 miles northwest of Oklahoma City.

On Wednesday morning, Hart steps out of a white pickup and looks out toward a herd on a broad strip of never-tilled Oklahoma tall-



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US Surgeon General holds historical visit with Oklahoma tribes

By Rosemary Stephens
Editor-in-Chief

Vice Admiral Vivek Murthy, U.S. Surgeon General made it a priority to meet with leaders of Oklahoma tribes on May 18 during his U.S. tour. Taking it one step further, Murthy spent the remainder of the day at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center visiting with tribal youth and hosting an informal town hall meeting hoping to gather information about health challenges in Native American communities.

“This is my very first time in Oklahoma and very first time meeting with tribal leaders. I am incredibly excited and grateful to have this chance to have this conversation with you,” Murthy said.

President Barak Obama confirmed Murthy on Dec. 15, 2014 at the 19th United States Surgeon General. He also oversees the operations of the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps comprised of approximately 6,700 uniformed health officers who serve in over 800 locations around the world.

Born in India, his parents came to the U.S. 40 years ago, where he said he had his first introduction to the Native American community.

“When I was growing up many kids in elementary school thought I was American Indian and that was my first introduction to this whole world. It was an opportunity for me to learn more about our brothers and sisters in the community. Even though my parents are Indian from India, they

taught me something which I know is very important to all of you, which is culture and tradition are incredibly important. That identity is incredibly important and that when we have strong culture and strong identity those form the building blocks for building strong communities,” Murthy said.

Murthy said the role as the surgeon general has always been the Nation’s doctor, meaning that the role is to bring information to people, but he believes it is also to listen to people, to learn about what they are going through and to understand

the challenges they are facing. Operating from that viewpoint Murthy began his U.S. tour visiting communities to learn of their health challenges, as well as gather ideas for solutions to health issues throughout the country.

His main initiatives for 2016 are primarily substance abuse prevention, specifically opioids, emotional well-being and the every growing e-cigarette industry targeting youth throughout the country.

Murthy first met with tribal leaders in a private round-



Vice Admiral Vivek Murthy, U.S. Surgeon General spent the day on May 18 visiting with tribes in a historical visit to Oklahoma. (Photos by Rosemary Stephens)



U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy shakes the hands of tribal youth who were chosen to meet with him in a private lunch.

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Interior Dept. expands Buy Back Program across Indian Country

(Washington, D.C.) - Following extensive outreach with tribal leaders and American Indian landowners, Interior Deputy Secretary Michael L. Connor today announced an expanded schedule for implementing the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations at 63 additional locations from 2018 through mid-2021. Since it began making offers in December 2013, the program has paid more than \$740 million to individual landowners and restored the equivalent of nearly 1.5 million acres of land to tribal governments.

The expansion brings the number of locations planned for the program to 105, a total that includes more than 96 percent of all landowners with fractionated interests and more than 98 percent of both purchasable fractional interests and equivalent acres in Program-eligible areas. About 245,000 landowners hold nearly three million fractional interests across Indian Country.

“The Buy-Back program embodies the priorities set forth by the Obama Administration’s goal to build effective partnerships with American Indian communities, promote sustainable economic development and tribal culture, and protect tribal lands,” said Deputy Secretary Connor. “In partnership with tribal governments, this Program is generating new opportunities to work more efficiently, stimulate community dialogue and facilitate land use planning, while ensuring that lands stay in trust for the benefit of

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Church reopens in Kingfisher with a new pastor in town

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

Heading east on Highway 33 out of Kingfisher, Oklahoma there sits a quaint inconspicuous small white building on the left side of the road. Unless you are looking for it you may pass right by it. What many may not know is this quaint little building may look small on the outside but there are big miracles taking place on the inside, and the new pastor knows where the miracles are coming from.

All Nations Baptist Church officially opened its doors on Easter day. Formerly known as the First Indians Church, the building sat empty for over three years but has known many religions over the past 122 years. From Pentecostal to Southern Baptist the little building has always seemed destined to be open.

When First Indians Church closed its doors, the deed reverted back to the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma (BGC) until recently when a group of Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal members had a vision. That vision was to be named All Nations Baptist Church.

And that's where Pastor 'D' Brown (full name Richard Dell Brown Jr.) walks into the picture.

Not your typical pastor, with his shoulder length black, speckled with white hair, short compared to the waist length hair he once wore and the tattoos upon his arms. His beard, once as long as his hair now neatly trimmed, but when he speaks the love he has for God is the sound you hear in his mesmerizing voice. He credits God for his life as a pastor ... well, God and grandma.

"I was raised by an out-law motorcycle man, my real dad died three months before I was born and my mother was married five times, but the last man she was married to was the man that raised me from about 12-13 years old. We found out he was a national member of an out-law motorcycle club there in Texas, so you can say I was raised on the back of an old pan head. I remember once he asked me if I wanted a motorcycle and when I said yes, took me out to the garage where three boxes of motor-



Pastor 'D' Brown from Tyler, Texas held the first service in the All Nations Baptist Church on Easter day. He and his wife of 43 years plan to make Kingfisher their home. (Photo by Rosemary Stephens)

cycle parts sat and said, 'the bike is there, all you gotta do is put it together.' So we put a bike together," Brown laughed. "I was raised on brotherhood and a certain code of ethics, and up until the age of around 12 when this man married my mother and asked me to come home to be a family I was raised by my grandparents."

His life would take a turn far from the path he now travels, down the path of addiction when he became addicted to methamphetamine, started cooking and spent 18-months in prison, followed by two years probation.

"I was married to my wife about 15 years then, had two boys, 4th and 5th grade when a federal man walked in one day with a hand full of photos making me a three time loser. He had already been to my bank, confiscated every penny I had in the bank. The banker immediately put my house into foreclosure and the federal man had already been to my job so I was fired for being a drug -dealer," Brown said. "So I went from living in a \$100,000 home, driving a Lincoln Continental, a new Ford pick-up, motorcycle to living in the streets with my kids."

He and his family moved into a old farm house belonging to his wife Aloma's great-grandmother, no electricity, no running water, living on handouts from churches ... and he still had

his habit.

"I went to my friends that I was dealing with and asked for a loan to get up on my feet to go out in the woods and start cooking again and they told me not to call them and they wouldn't call me," he said.

It was at this same time that Brown's grandmother, who primarily raised him, was hospitalized so he would take turns with his aunt sitting with her during the evening hours.

This one night he said when he went in to relieve his aunt, she told him his grandmother had had cookies and milk with 'daddy John' that morning ... only 'daddy John' had been dead for eight years.

"I went in and was talking to her like I always did. She had this goofy smile on her face looking up at the white ceiling and I said 'mama what cha' looking at?' And she said, 'don't you see it?' I said see what. She said 'that beautiful tree across that field by that river.' And I said 'no mama I don't see it.' Well my grandma is Black Foot Indian and she taught Zorro how to use the sword only she used a switch and I learned at an early age you don't argue with grandma, so I said yes ma'am I see it and she calmed down," Brown said.

About this time a nurse entered the room and Brown said he began fussing at her about the drugs they were giving his grandmother. She

told him they were not giving her anything much more than an aspirin so Brown proceeded to tell her about the things his grandma was seeing.

"Of course God would send me a Christian nurse and she told me about a man they had to tie in the bed because he envisioned the demons of hell coming up and pulling him down into hell. She told me, 'you be thankful for what your grandmother is seeing because God is giving her a vision of Heaven,'" Brown said, tears streaming from his eyes. "Well you know that's not what I wanted to hear. I am sitting there, 85 lbs. of skin and bones, shaking like crazy because I need a fix and all I could think about is I can't get any help for my wife and kids from the government because I am in the home, my kids don't want anything to do with me because of who and what I am. My wife loves me but she would be better off without me and I got up and turned on the TV trying to get all of this out of my mind."

He said he looked over and saw his grandma trying to speak so weak she couldn't push her words out. He walked over to her side leaned down and said, "mama are you hungry and it seemed to make her mad. So I asked her, 'mama are you thirsty,' and that seemed to make her madder so I said

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Oklahoma Native All-State tournament set for June 11

The inaugural Oklahoma Native All-State Basketball games will be held at Bacone College on June 11 to feature the athletic talent of Native high school seniors throughout Oklahoma. Nominations have been made by high school coaches in both boys and girls categories to select teams to compete in this unique format which focuses on basketball skills and accomplishments during the season.

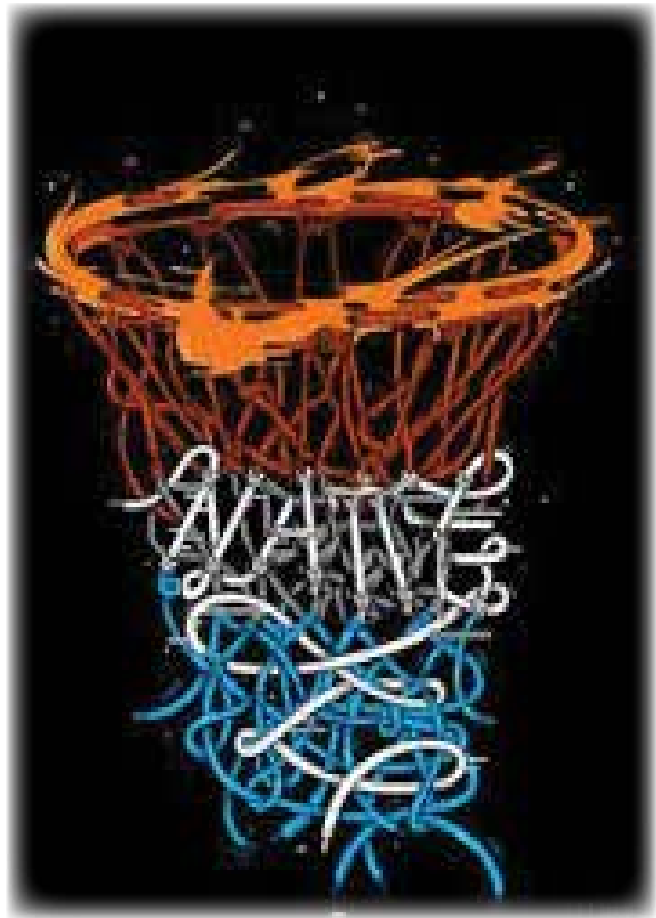
The All-State games will be held on the Bacone College campus and will include a banquet and photo session to commemorate the event.

Native athletes who have been selected will gather

to compete in boys and girls games to highlight their skills in this venue in recognition of their accomplishments during the school year.

Organizers have worked to coordinate these games to provide a venue for these athletes to showcase their dedication and commitment to the sport they love. They represent tribal nations throughout Oklahoma and reflect the values of their communities and hope to further their goals of competition at the next level with colleges and universities throughout Oklahoma.

For more information, contact Josh Nichols at (918) 360-8619





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Oxycontin – Part II

This is the second part of the story ran in the May 15, 2016 Tribal Tribune entitled You want a description of hell? Oxyconti9n’s 12-hour problem

By Harriet Ryan, Lisa Girion and Scott Glover

“Company officials worried that if OxyContin wasn’t seen as a 12-hour drug, insurance companies and hospitals would balk at paying hundreds of dollars a bottle. Some already were. Dr. Lawrence Robbins started prescribing OxyContin at his Chicago migraine clinic shortly after it hit the market. The neurologist recalled in an interview that “70 to 80 percent” of his patients reported that the drug “just lasts four, five, six, seven hours.” Robbins started telling people to take it more frequently. But insurance carriers often refused to cover the pharmacy bill for more than two pills a day, he said.

Over the years, he wrote insurance companies more than 25 times on behalf of patients who he believed needed OxyContin more frequently than every 12 hours, he said. In some cases, the insurers relented. When others did not, Robbins switched the patients to another drug.

Robbins said he had no choice, “If they are having a real struggle with opioid withdrawal, sure, you have to do something.”

For Purdue, doctors like Robbins were a problem that had to be confronted.

“I am concerned that some physicians are using OxyContin on a q8h schedule rather than a q12h schedule,” a regional manager in Atlanta, Windell Fisher, wrote in November 1996, 11 months after OxyContin went on sale.

In the memo, Fisher told a district sales manager what to do, “Where this is occurring you need to train the representative on how to deal with it, convincing the physician that there is no need to do this, and that 100 percent of the patients in the studies had pain relief on a q12h dosing regimen.”

By 2000, it was clear that chiding memos to sales reps weren’t enough. Data analyzed by company employees showed that one in five OxyContin prescriptions was for use every eight hours, or even more frequently.

Purdue held closed-door meetings to retrain its sales force on the importance of 12-hour dosing, according to training documents, some included in sealed court files and others described in FDA files.

“These numbers are very scary,” managers warned sales reps during

one workshop. “Managed care plans are beginning to refuse to fill prescriptions,” they were told in another presentation. Reps were ordered to visit doctors and “refocus the clinician back to q12h.” Doctors needed to be reminded “on every call,” they were told.

“There is no Q8 dosing with OxyContin,” one sales manager told her reps, according to a memo cited in an FDA filing. She added that 8-hour dosing “needs to be nipped in the bud. NOW!!”

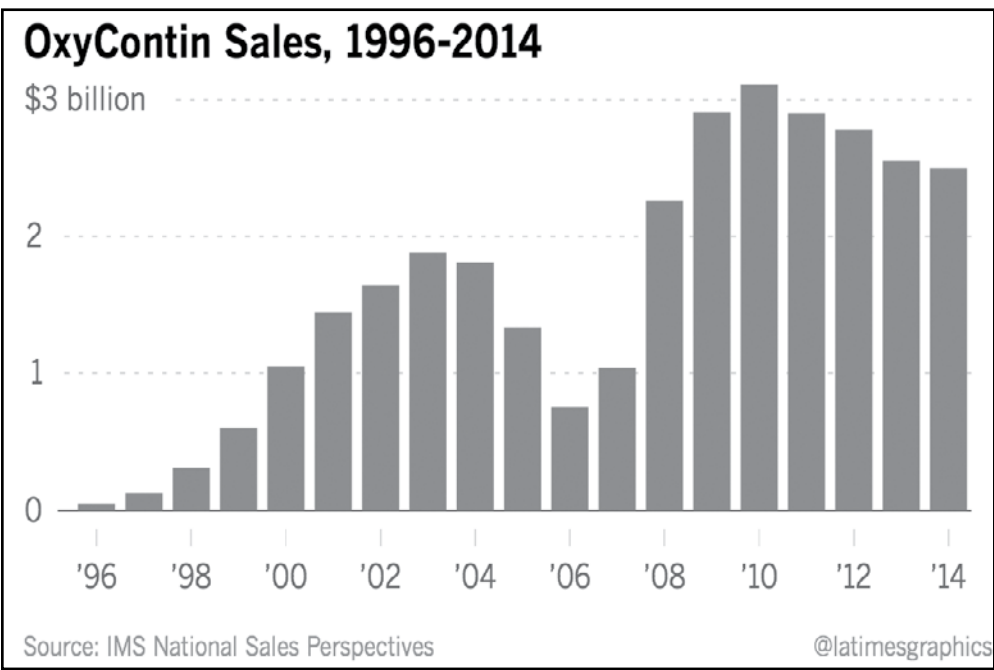
If a doctor complained that OxyContin didn’t last, Purdue reps were to recommend increasing the strength of the dose rather than the frequency. There is no ceiling on the amount of OxyContin a patient can be prescribed, sales reps were to remind doctors, according to the presentation and other training materials.

Boosting the dosage could extend the duration to some degree, but it didn’t guarantee 12 hours of relief. Higher doses did mean more money for Purdue and its sales reps. The company charged wholesalers on average about \$97 for a bottle of the 10-milligram pills, the smallest dosage, while the maximum strength, 80 milligrams, ran more than \$630, according to 2001 sales data the company disclosed in litigation with the state of West Virginia. Commissions and performance evaluations for the sales force were based in part on the proportion of sales from high-dose pills.

A West Virginia supervisor told one of his highest performing sales reps in a 1999 letter that she could “blow the lid off” her sales and earn a trip to Hawaii if she persuaded more doctors to write larger doses.

In an August 1996 memo headlined “\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ It’s Bonus Time in the Neighborhood!” a manager reminded Tennessee reps that raising dosage strength was the key to a big payday.

“He who sells 40mg” -- the largest pill available at the time -- “will win



the battle,” the manager wrote.

By 2004, Purdue was seeing “a trend away from prescribing OxyContin” more frequently than every 12 hours, according to a company filing with the FDA.

In the training materials reviewed by *The Times*, little was said about the effect of higher doses on patient health. Those on higher doses of opioids are more likely to overdose, according to numerous research studies. An analysis of the medical records of more than 32,000 patients on OxyContin and other painkillers in Ontario, Canada, found that one in 32 patients on high doses fatally overdosed.

“In other words,” the lead researcher, David Juurlink, said in an interview, “they are more likely to die as a result of their medication than almost anything else.”

As a varsity athlete at the University of Central Florida and later a public school teacher, Burgess MacNamara was used to following rules.

That changed in 1999 when he had knee surgery and his doctor put him on OxyContin. MacNamara, then a 27-year-old gym teacher at an elementary school near Orlando, was familiar with painkillers. He’d been given Percocet and Vicodin for sports injuries, but he said OxyContin was unlike anything he’d ever experienced.

“The first six hours, it is awesome,” he said. Then the effect began to “teeter off” and he became preoccupied with his next dose: “That’s all you think about. Your whole day re-

volves around that.”

MacNamara said he soon began taking pills early, “I can’t even tell you the times I actually waited 12 hours,” he said. “There weren’t many of them.”

Within a month, he was crushing and snorting the pills. Within a year, he was forging prescriptions. He eventually tried heroin, which was cheaper, and other drugs. MacNamara was arrested for forging prescriptions, possession of controlled substances, stealing pills from a school clinic and other drug-fueled crimes. He lost his teaching career and spent 19 months behind bars.

“Death was looking real good to me,” recalled MacNamara, who said he has been sober for the last two and a half years.

Patients began filing lawsuits in the early 2000s that accused Purdue of overstating OxyContin’s duration, among other complaints. One of the plaintiffs was a retired Alabama businessman named H. Jerry Bodie.

His doctor had Bodie on 30 milligrams of OxyContin every eight hours for chronic back pain. A Purdue sales rep persuaded him to switch Bodie to a higher dose every 12 hours, according to a judge’s summary of the evidence.

Bodie returned to his doctor repeatedly, saying the drug wasn’t working, according to their sworn testimony. The doctor kept raising the dose, eventually putting Bodie on 400 milligrams a day.

“I was more or less just a zombie,” See **Oxycontin-Part II** pg. 5

‘Negro,’ ‘Oriental’ and ‘Indian’ to be scrubbed from all federal laws



President Obama signed bill H.R.4238 “modernizing terms relating to minorities” into law on May 20, 2016.

By Angela Bronner Helm

As the country begins to reconcile its sometimes inglorious past, as with Confederate statues and heroes being swept into the dustbin of history, President Barack Obama signed a bill taking racially offensive words such as “negro” and “Oriental” out of all Federal laws, reports Mediate.

Sponsored by Congresswoman Grace Meng and cosponsored by all 51 members of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, bill H.R.4238 will strike words such as “Negro, American Indian, Eskimo, Oriental, or Aleut or a Spanish speaking individual of Spanish descent” and replace them with “Asian American, Native Hawaiian, a Pacific Islander, African American, Hispanic, Puerto Rican, Native American, or an Alaska Native.”

There has been a lot of controversy lately about how “ethnic” groups in the U.S. are referred to, especially with racially-charged words such as “r--skins,” the “n-word” and “Oriental,” and so this bill is just one more way that people of color can and will define themselves with words they find acceptable.

Rep. Meng, who is Chinese-American and from Queens, N.Y., said that she is especially happy that the word Oriental is going the way of the covered wagon.

“Many Americans may not be aware that the word ‘Oriental’ is derogatory,” says Meng. “But it is an insulting term that needed to be removed from the books, and I am extremely pleased that my legislation to do that is now the law of the land.”

Four El Reno men plead guilty for their roles in the failure of the Bank of Union

(Oklahoma City) Cody Gene Bomhak, 34, Terry Gene Bomhak, 53 and Gary Dean Bomhak, 50, all of El Reno, Okla., entered guilty pleas last week for their involvement in the failure of The Bank of Union, announced Mark A. Yancey, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma.

In April 2015 each of the three defendants were separately charged with making a false statement for the purpose of influencing the action of The Bank of Union, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1014. At their change of plea hearings before U.S. District Judge Timothy D. DeGiusti, Cody and Terry Bomhak each admitted that their conduct resulted in a loss of between \$25 million and \$50 million to The Bank of Union. Gary Bomhak admitted to conduct causing between \$3.5 million and \$9.5 million in losses to the bank.

In a related case, Juston Tech, 39, also from El Reno, previously pleaded guilty to making false statements in order to influence

The Bank of Union. At his plea hearing late last year, Tech admitted to causing a loss amount of between \$2.5 million and \$7 million to the bank.

At sentencing, each of the defendants face up to 30 years in prison, a \$1 million fine, and up to five years of supervised release. According to the terms of their plea agreements, they will also be ordered to pay restitution to the victims of their conduct in an amount to be determined by the court at the time of sentencing.

Both Tech and Gary Bomhak were also involved in a tribal court dispute involving illegally grazing cattle on Cheyenne and Arapaho property in Colony, Okla. in February 2015.

This case is the result of an investigation by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Julia E. Barry.

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Bodie said in a deposition.

Bodie’s lawsuit --and hundreds of others filed by OxyContin users and their families -- never got before a jury. Purdue got suits dismissed by asserting, among other defenses, a legal doctrine which shields drug companies from liability when their products are prescribed by trained physicians. Purdue settled other lawsuits on confidential terms.

In these legal battles, the company successfully petitioned courts to have evidence sealed, citing the need to protect trade secrets. The sealed materials included internal memos to members of the Sackler family and others, FDA correspondence, testimony from executives and sales reps’ reports.

They remain sealed to this day. *The Times* reviewed thousands of pages of them.

In the fall of 2004, in a remote courthouse in Appalachia, the 12-hour dosing issue came close to a public airing. The West Virginia attorney general was pressing a lawsuit against Purdue demanding reimbursement of “excessive prescription costs” paid by the state through programs for the poor and elderly. The state accused the company of deceptive marketing, including the 12--hour claim.

Frances Hughes, then the state’s chief deputy attorney general, said the last allegation grew out of investigators’ interviews with addicts and their families. In describing problems with OxyContin, many said the drug wore off hours early.

“What was happening was that they were taking more than they were prescribed because the pain medication wasn’t working,” Hughes recalled in an interview.

Purdue’s legal team made numerous attempts to get the suit dismissed or moved from state to federal court, where the company had succeeded in getting many cases tossed out. All these efforts failed.

Purdue had one final shot at avoiding trial: A motion for summary judgment. The judge hearing the case in ru-

ral McDowell County was Booker T. Stephens, son of a local coal miner and the first African American elected to the West Virginia circuit court.

To make this critical argument, the company tapped Eric Holder Jr., who had been the nation’s first African American deputy attorney general. On Oct. 13, 2004, the man who would become President Obama’s attorney general argued that West Virginia prosecutors didn’t have sufficient evidence to warrant a trial.

Stephens disagreed. He ruled that there was enough evidence that a jury could find Purdue had made deceptive claims about OxyContin, including how long it lasted.

“Most of the patients in the clinical trials required additional medication, so called ‘rescue medications,’ that accompanied their 12-hour OxyContin dose,” the judge wrote in his Nov. 5, 2004 ruling. “Plaintiff’s evidence shows Purdue could have tested the safety and efficacy of OxyContin at eight hours, and could have amended their label, but did not.”

His decision meant that for the first time, questions about OxyContin’s duration would be aired at a trial. Sealed evidence would be laid out in public for class-action attorneys, government investigators, doctors and journalists to see.

On the eve of trial, Purdue agreed to settle the case by paying the state \$10 million for programs to discourage drug abuse. All the evidence under seal would remain confidential.

The settlement did not require Purdue to admit any wrongdoing or change the way it told doctors to prescribe the drug.

While Purdue’s litigators were working in courthouses around the country to fend off civil suits, its regulatory attorneys in Washington, D.C., made a blunt admission to the FDA,, the 12-hour dosing schedule is, at least in part, about money.

The issue arose in a regulatory dispute that attracted

little attention. The Connecticut attorney general had complained to the FDA that doctors prescribing OxyContin every eight hours, rather than the recommended 12, were unintentionally fueling black market use of the drug.

In a 2004 letter to the FDA, Purdue lawyers responded that the company had no evidence that eight-hour prescribing contributed to abuse or was unsafe. They went on to make a case far different than the one Purdue sales reps were making to doctors. Eight-hour dosing, the attorneys wrote, could “optimize treatment” for some patients and should level out the narcotic roller coaster.

Nonetheless, they said the company planned to continue telling doctors OxyContin was a 12-hour drug. The lawyers gave a list of reasons: Purdue hadn’t submitted studies to the FDA to support more frequent dosing, the FDA had approved OxyContin as a 12--hour drug, and 12-hour dosing was more convenient for patients.

Their final reason: It was better for business.

“The 12 hour dosing schedule represents a significant competitive advantage of OxyContin over other products,” the lawyers wrote.

In the years that followed, attacks on the 12-hour claim largely dropped from the agenda of Purdue’s critics. The federal investigation was over. Class-action attorneys moved on to other drugs.

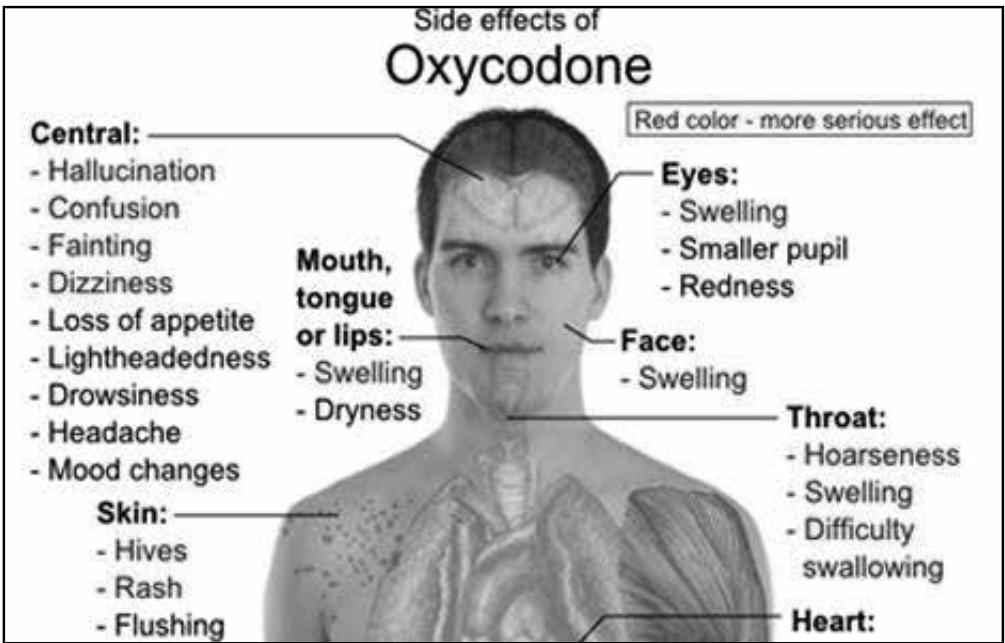
For many patients, the problem never went away.

OxyContin “does a great job of keeping me out of a wheelchair and moving..for 8 hours. Then I start going into withdrawal,” one patient wrote on an online message board in 2004.

“Is it just me, or does oxycontin not even last 8 hours,” another asked in 2008.

“I thought I had to be nuts,” one woman from Florida wrote in 2013 after learning that others also found the drug wore off early. “I am really falling apart from the anxiety.”

Earlier this year, a man



posting to a chat board for pain patients said he got six to eight hours of relief from OxyContin, but hadn’t been able to convince his doctor to prescribe it more frequently.

“I find it misleading how a product can be marketed as lasting 12 hours when it doesn’t,” he wrote of his experience.

For a brief moment three years ago, it seemed the problems with 12-hour dosing might get wider attention. The FDA had called for public input on how to make painkiller labels safer. Dr. David Egilman, a Brown University professor of family medicine who had served as a plaintiff’s expert in unsuccessful suits against Purdue, saw it as an opportunity to alert agency officials to problems with OxyContin’s 12-hour claim.

Egilman, an expert in warning labels, had worked on hundreds of product liability cases ranging from asbestos to microwave popcorn. He had developed a reputation as a plaintiff’s advocate driven to expose corporate wrongdoing.

Some judges said he went too far. In a 2007 case against the drugmaker Eli Lilly, for example, a judge found that Egilman leaked confidential documents about the controversial antipsychotic medication Zyprexa to a New York Times reporter. He agreed to pay the company \$100,000. In the OxyContin cases, Purdue had attacked his ethics and qualifications.

When FDA officials convened the hearing in a suburban Maryland hotel ballroom Feb. 8, 2013, Egilman was out of the country. He submitted a PowerPoint presentation to be played in his absence.

In the five--minute presentation, Egilman accused Purdue of ignoring its own science for financial reasons and sending patients on a dangerous roller coaster of withdrawal and relief.

“In other words,” he said, “the Q12 dosing schedule is an addiction producing machine.”

Egilman noted that he had reviewed confidential Purdue documents and sealed testimony of company executives through his work as an expert witness. But, he said, because of court orders sought by Purdue, he was barred from revealing what he’d read in those documents or giving them to the FDA. (He also declined to share the records with The Times.)

A snowstorm was bearing down on the East Coast that day, and the hearing room was nearly deserted. When the presentation concluded, there was a brief pause, and then the FDA moderator moved on to the next speaker.

Neither Purdue nor the agency ever responded to Egilman’s presentation.

OxyContin is still hugely popular. Doctors wrote 5.4 million prescriptions for the painkiller in 2014, and according to a Purdue spokes-

man, 80 percent were for 12-hour dosing.

After years of the company telling doctors to answer complaints about duration with greater strengths of OxyContin, many patients are taking the drug at doses that public health officials now consider dangerously high.

At The Times’ request, scientists at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences analyzed OxyContin prescriptions in a database of insurance claims covering about 7 million patients across the country.

In 2014, the analysis found, more than 52 percent of patients taking OxyContin longer than three months were prescribed doses greater than 60 milligrams a day. Guidelines issued this year by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention urged physicians to “avoid” or “carefully justify” prescriptions of that strength.

Told of the Arkansas analysis, Dr. Debra Houry, director of the CDC’s National Center for Injury Prevention and Control and a leader of the agency’s response to the opioid epidemic, called it “really concerning.”

“The higher you go, the more likely you are to die,” she said.

To this day, physicians frequently contact Purdue with questions about dosing. Only 12-hour dosing has been proved safe, the company tells them.

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‘mama if you will try one more time to tell me what it is you want I will get it for you,’ and I leaned in, laid my ear close to her lips and she said, ‘son you don’t want to die with Jesus.’ I hit the door running jumped on my motorcycle and sped home.”

Brown would pull up to the old farm house he was living in with his family when the lady next door, whose phone they used for emergencies, ran out to tell him his aunt had called and if he wanted to see his grandma alive he had better turn around and go back. That’s exactly what he did.

“I went back to hold that old woman’s hand as she smiled her way into heaven and I couldn’t understand because I had always fought for my life, I couldn’t understand how someone could be so at ease with giving it up.”

He began to cry. For three days, two nights and into the third night when he had no more tears and only dry sobs, he said his wife drove him to the emergency room where he was told he was having a nervous breakdown. The doctor said he was giving him a shot that would allow him to sleep for a couple of days ... that was about 7 p.m. At 10 p.m. the same evening Brown said he experienced what he calls the war of his

soul.

“I was laying there and a voice came to me and said, ‘you know you could just tie this sheet around those rafters and around your neck and your family would be taken care of. Your children wouldn’t hate you anymore, you would be out of this.’ Then a different voice came to me and said, ‘remember me, I am the one your grandmother taught you to pray to. The one she made you bend your knee beside your bed and talk to every night. Have you asked my help?’ Well I fell out of the bed right onto my knees and my wife rolled over and asked ‘baby did you fall off the bed?’ You see she had never seen me bend my knee for anything or anybody, so I got up said no I’m alright and went into the living room,” Brown said. “I got back on my knees and said, ‘God I don’t know if you’re real, but if you are real like you were real to my grandmother and grandfather, like they believed that you were, then I want you to be real in my life.’ And I started naming off all the things I had done wrong in my life.”

Before he knew it, the alarm sounded signaling 6 a.m. in the morning. He was still on his knees wide-awake asking God’s forgiveness. He remembers standing up

as his wife came walking thru and said, what’s wrong with you?

“I have asked God to come into my life and I am not going to do anything that I don’t know that it’s His will for me to do.”

Brown said his wife looked at him and said, “‘if you back up off of that one bit I’m gone.’ It would be 60 days later she would hand me divorce papers and I would ask her ‘what’s this?’ She took them back into her hands, tore them up and she said these words ... they have been with me now for years, ‘I hated the man that you were, but I love the man that you are.’”

That was in 1982 and Brown has not one time ‘backed up off’ his commitment to follow God’s will in his life.

He went on to become an ordained pastor with his journey taking him to places he never dreamed of going. Ecuador, Belize, Nicaragua ... working primarily with the Mayan Indians, and onto the Navajo Nation reservation.

“God has always had me working with Indigenous people in all different countries. I have been clean since 1982 and I have very personal feelings about drugs, alcohol, even cigarettes ...

any type of addiction. I believe the word of God speaks strongly against it because it says you can’t have two Gods within you. You will love one and hate the other and if you have an addiction that’s a God, so you will love one and hate the other,” Brown said.

His message is clear, precise and Pastor D Brown says people with addiction who hear him speak and talk knows he has a very personal hatred for addiction.

“I paused trying to think of another word ... hate ... but there is no other word for it, I hate addiction, not the people, it’s the addiction. But God can and God will overcome ... I have never backed away, to God’s credit I never backed away.”

All Nations Baptist Church holds Wednesday night youth services at 6 p.m., Sunday children’s church at 10 a.m. and regular worship at 11 a.m. It is located at 600 E. Broadway in Kingfisher, Okla.

The church is also hosting a Vacation Bible School June 21-23. For more information contact Pastor D Brown at 903-253-3511.

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Vacation Bible School

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June 21-23
9 am to noon
Ages : K thru 6th

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2pm—4pm
Ages: 7th grade—12th grade

All Nations Baptist Church
600 East Broadway
Kingfisher, OK

Smoke alarm distribution by CHR Program

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ CHR Program is networking with the American Red Cross. We will be participating in the Tribal Home Fire Preparedness Campaign to ensure all tribal families have a working smoke alarm or who is in need of a smoke alarm.

The American Red Cross will be donating 1,000 smoke alarms to the CHR Program and we will be installing smoke alarms and providing fire safety

education to families within the tribes’ service areas. Our goal is to distribute the smoke alarms by June 15.

Please contact your local CHR or the Cheyenne and Arapaho CHR Program at 405-422-7670 or toll free at 800-687-0973 should you need a smoke alarm or know of someone that does.

Thank you for helping us to provide fire prevention service to your and your families.

Election Commission A2 District Undeliverable Voter Registrations

Please contact the A2 Election Commissioner to update your address

or you may not be eligible to vote in the 2017 elections

Call 405-422-7619 if your name appears on this list to update your Voter Registration

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Addison	Erin Dawn	106 A Beach Street			Farmersville	TX	75442
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Bear	Doris Josephine		18570 Ash Rd		Morris	OK	74445
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Crendshaw	Robynn		7000 S. Walker #135		Oklahoma City	OK	73139
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Curtis	Eric Justin		401 N. 19th St.		Clinton	OK	73601
Curtis	Esther Delaine		1087 Sandy Creek Rd		Armore	OK	73401
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Estrada	Renee T.		7229 Pickering Ave. Apt 1		Whittier	CA	90602

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Hare	Julia Doris		3599 A Street		Tacoma	WA	98418
Hare	Jack Daniel		301 S. 82nd St. Apt #4		Tacoma	WA	98408
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Hawk	Ryan Neil		5614 N W 23rd St. Apt #223 E		Oklahoma City	OK	73127
Hawk Jr.	Freeman		356 Nelson St.		Sisseton	SD	57262
Hawkins	Susie Joyce		900 Sunset Dr.		El Reno	OK	73036
Heap Of Birds	Lanna Kay		10900 W E 36th St.		Spencer	OK	73084
Heimer	Joel Vaughn		102 1st S E		Rose Creek	MN	55570
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Blackbear	Dorcas Marie		P.O. Box 313		Selling	OK	73663
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Gamez	Martha Marie		467 W. Pine Drive		Tulare	CA	91374
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Meat	Jasper Lake	708 A Street SE		Ardmore	OK	73401
Meat	David Bighard		8838 N.W. 16th St #243	Oklahoma City	OK	73127
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Reyes	Ronnie Lee		PO Box 1983	Weatherford	OK	73096
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Robinson	Bobby Joe		505 SW Blvd	Geary	OK	73040
Rodriguez	Jesse		2210 Beverly Ln	Clinton	OK	73601
Roman	Alycia Michelle		120 S. Sable #C108	Aurora	CO	80012
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Roman Nose	Sibery Clarence		521 E. 56th St. N	Tulsa	OK	74126
Roman Nose	Jobe		2950 New Market St, Ste 101-159	Bellingham	WA	98226
Roman Nose	Edwin Parry		P.O. Box 21	Concho	OK	73022
Roman Nose	Stephanie Marie		P.O. Box 21	Concho	OK	73022
Romannose	Cotton Lorenzo		2950 Newmarket Street Ste. 101-159	Bellingham	WA	98226
Rosenhamer	Megan Lynn		1238 S. Water St.	Wichita	KS	67213
Rouse	Raymond	C / O Mellist Bank #0369109112	Raymond House / P. O. Box 76149	Oklahoma City	OK	73147
Rowe	Sammy Lane		515 E 8th St.	Bristow	OK	74010
Ruff #69088	Benjamin Jay	L.C.D.C.	PO Box 40	Poteau	OK	74853

Thunder Bull	Senja Ann	2604 NW 20TH		Lawton	OK	73505
Thunderbull	Odessa Ann		1501 S. Rock Island Avenue, Lot 72	El Reno	OK	73036
Thunderbull Jr.	Eustace Amos		3901 South Portland Ave. Apt. 210	Oklahoma City	OK	73119
Tindal	Rhonda Angelina		5431 N E 33th St. Lot 129	Silver Springs	FL	34488
Tisdale	Sammy Dewayne		P.O. Box 1347	Elk City	OK	73644
Tobert	Jennifer Esther Lee					
Toil	Barbara Sue		1085 Mt. Pleasant Road	Wineoka	IL	60093
Tomaszko	Maria Ruth		810 1 St. N W Ave.	Miami	OK	74054
Toutigh	Fawn Felicia		6966 East 19th Street	Tulsa	OK	74112
Turley	Connie Christina		PO Box 292	Longdale	OK	73755
Turtle	Betty Lou		P.O. Box 738	Fort Defiance	AZ	86504
Turtle Jr.	Wayne		P.O. Box 738	Fort Defiance	AZ	86504
Twins Jr.	Michael Wayne		1806 Hunt Ave	Clinton	OK	73601
Vardehl	Miranda Deann		13107T Rainbrook Pkwy Apt. 304	Rockville	MD	20851
Von Moss	MacCota Kristine		2315 Park Ave.	Baxter Springs	KS	66713
Voss	Kristian Louise		1701 12th St.	Woodward	OK	73080
Walker	Travis Lynn		P.O. Box 3073	Albuquerque	NM	87128
Walker	Bryce Matthew		3029 NW 46th	Oklahoma City	OK	73101
Walker	Jimmy Samuel		1613 Kraft	Oceanside	CA	92058
Walker	Tatwain Lynn		PO Box 3073	Albuquerque	NM	87190
Warden	Brett Cheyenne		3488 Winnett Rd.	Colbert	OK	74733
Warden #548918	Helix Extra	JPay	PO Box 278320	Miramar	FL	33027
Washa	Oscar Davis		1404 5TH St.	Woodward	OK	73801
Washa	Julia Ann		RR 1 Box 2700	Apache	OK	73005
Wassana	Timothy Charles		1729 Wells St.	Clinton	OK	73601
Watkins	Byron Wilby		214 Lockstone	Weatherford	OK	73096
Welsh	Jacqueline A.		P.O. Box 973191	El Paso	TX	79915
Wheeler	Carol Ann		P.O. Box 605	Thomas	OK	73669
Wheeler	Michael Andrew		20732 Liberty Ln	Bend	OR	97701
White	Eunice Nicole		P.O. Box 66	Concho	OK	73022

Miller	Donald David		25 N Village Green Apt. 334	Lawton	OK	73505
Miller	Matthew Michael	c/o Geneva Curtis Lee	315 S W Virginia	Barlesville	OK	74003
Miller	James Monty		54171 430th Ave	Tulhina	OK	74571
Miller	Stephen Andrew		4446 N W Beblmore	Lawton	OK	73505
Milligan	Vincent Lee		PO Box 1004	Kingsfisher	OK	73750
Mitchell	Mary Sue		800 N. California St.	Oklahoma City	OK	73106
Mitchell	Vannessa Jean		965 N W 3rd St.	Gresham	OR	97030
Moncada	Shally Louise		PO Box 185	Jenks	OK	73854
Moore	Amber Kay		PO Box 57861	Oklahoma City	OK	73157
Morton	Myron Louis		PO Box 334	Calumet	OK	73014
Morton	Klinda Mae		1601 Beaver Road	Muskogee	OK	74403
Morton	Erica Diane		1601 Beaver Rd.	Muskogee	OK	74403
Morton	Joseph Robert		404 S Box 247-A	Meeker	OK	74855
Morton	Sean Kristopher		RD 5 11th	Kingsfisher	OK	73750
Morton Sr.	Gary Lee		144 Whitewind Dr.	Concho	OK	73022
Mosqueda Jr.	Lewis		1406 Woodland Hills Drive	Prescott	AZ	86305
Mosley	Emily Ann		RR 1 Box 225	Fairview	OK	73737
Moynihan	Gil Lane			Wichita	KS	67203
Murray	Phillip Kwin		P.O. Box 2	Clinton	OK	73601
Nahwookay	Michael James		100 N 5th Apt #14	Wright City	OK	74766
Newsome	Jeffrey Jay		210 E. Brown Rd #137	Mesa	AZ	85201
North	Kyle Edward		1902 North Midwest Blvd	Midwest City	OK	73110
Norwood	Dena Virginia		405 W. Watts Apt. 1	El Reno	OK	73036
Norwood	Deilah Mae		716 12TH Street SW	Huron	SD	57350
Odum	Michael Ross		13911 Fletchers Mill Dr.	Tampa	FL	33613
Old Sioux	Merlin		1010 Harding Rd.	Seminole	OK	74868
Orange	Gordon Dennis		306 S. 8th	Hammon	OK	73650
Orange	Victor Robert		504 Education Rd.	Hammon	OK	73650
Osage	Julie Lucinda		304 S. 8th	Hammon	OK	73650
Osage	Janice Ann		1408 W. London	El Reno	OK	73036
Quendine-Hair	Lisa L.		500 S Leach #34	Watonga	OK	73772
Panama	Dyrene Steven		914 N Elm	Weatherford	OK	73096

Rumels Jr.	Donald Lawayne		8112 W. Britton Rd. Apt. #2	Oklahoma City	OK	73132
Russell	Adin Nicole	C/o Becky Roberts	RR 1, Box 1-1	Fairfax	OK	74637
Rutledge	Montoya Fawn		PO Box 143	El Reno	OK	73036-0933
Rutledge	Robert William		PO Box 143	El Reno	OK	73036
Sage	Leslie Christine		7155 S. Santa Fe Ave. Apt. #A	Oklahoma City	OK	73139
Salinas	Pete		PO Box 1421	Elk City	OK	73644
Sams	Tanya Marie		18140 Detroit Ave. Apt 313	Lakewood	OH	44107
Sankley	Emily Rose		PO Box 84	Concho	OK	73022
Sankley	Cliffon Michael		PO Box 100	Geary	OK	73040
Sankley	Kelly Eysenne		1507 W. Watts	El Reno	OK	73036-0933
Sankley Jr.	Winslow		PO Box 255	Hammon	OK	73650-0253
Sapoot	Cotton Andrew		14874 220th St.	Blanchard	OK	73010
Scobly	Ruben Wesley		P.O. Box 74	Fredrick	OK	73542
Scholtz	Michael Neil		6200 Indian School NE Apt 115	Albuquerque	NM	87110
Scoggins	Sherry Lynn		720 South MacArthur #223	Oklahoma City	OK	73128
Scaly	Tina Lynn		712 N. Elaine	Geary	OK	73040
Seger	Darryl		712 S. Morrison	El Reno	OK	73036
Seger	Frank Donald		712 S Morrison	El Reno	OK	73036
Signa	Dawn Marie White Shield	c/o Edith Scan	1601 Kaw Ave.	Butte	MT	59701
Sevenstar	Jimmy		1715 48th Apt 11	Woodward	OK	73801
Shelia	Khranee Alina-Swan		618 Landrum Lane	Sterling	CO	80751
Sheburne	Shaelyn Denise		511 Vickie Drive	Yukon	OK	73099
Sheridan Jr.	Norman Frank		PO Box 1321	El Reno	OK	73036
Sittingbull	Christian Dayle		Rt. 1, Box 23	Binger	OK	73009
Sittingbull Jr.	Frederick R.		P.O. Box 149	El Reno	OK	73036
Sleeper	Nicholas Brent		709 N. Choctaw	El Reno	OK	73036
Sleeper	Jared Conny		709 N. Choctaw	El Reno	OK	73036
Sleeper	Henrietta Kendra		PO Box 614	Canton	OK	73724
Sleeper Jr.	Clyde Kendrick		PO Box 45	Geary	OK	73040

White	Dorothy Lynn		7912 Calle DelPata	Albuquerque	NM	87109
White	Rama Islene		P.O. Box 112	Commerce	OK	74339
White	Emmanuel Calvin		P.O. BOX 66	Concho	OK	73022
White Crow	Delfred Leroy		602 S. Oliver	Elk City	OK	73644
White Eagle	Luther Black Bear		1129 Santa Fe Trail	Mt. Juliet	TN	37122
White Eagle	Taweesha Little Star		500 S. Leach Apt. #30	Watonga	OK	73772
White Eagle II	John David		411 North Washington	Canton	OK	73724
White Horse	Maeprimary Allyn		P.O. Box 1381	El Reno	OK	73036
White Horse	Louise		200 Peters St	Turpin	OK	73950
White Jr.	Clarence Asley		PO Box 422	Geary	OK	73040
White Skunk	Jenysa Carleen		2613 Stone Glen Dr.	El Reno	OK	73036
White Skunk	Halle Irene		2613 Stonnglen Dr	El Reno	OK	73036
White Tail Jr.	Hailman		7311 Greenhaven Dr #202	Sacramento	CA	95831
WhiteHorse	KayLa Marie		916 South Boynton	El Reno	OK	73036
Whiteman	Gordon Dean		P.O. Box 102	Canton	OK	73724
Whiteman	Laquita Marie		606 South 30th Circle Apt. 1	Clinton	OK	73601
Whitesfield	Frank		715 Candelaria NE	Albuquerque	NM	87107
Whitesfield	Raymond Eagleboy		155 Indian Ave. Box #B51	Lawrence	KS	66046
Whiteshirt	Trace Elizabeth		3006 SW 26TH	Oklahoma City	OK	73108
Whiteshirt	Melissa Ryan		2617 Teanoma Dr.	Oklahoma City	OK	73119
Whiteshirt -	Elijah Andrew		PO Box 201	Hammon	OK	73650
Whitneal	Sylvia Rae		301 SE Beverly Lane	Clinton	OK	73601
Whitlow	Tia Marie		Rt. 1, Box 192 G	Geary	OK	73040
Whitlow	Carrie Frances		PO Box 21	Concho	OK	73022
Whitlow	William Joseph		P.O. Box 21	Concho	OK	73022
Wilcox	Dana Lynne		5757 W. Heiber, Apt. #629	Oklahoma City	OK	73162
Williams	Lucas Miles		1512 East Harry	Andover	KS	67002
Williams	Kevin Francis		411 Wisconsin St NE Apt 1	Albuquerque	NM	87108
Williams	Jon Allen		1 Oldsawmill Rd	Lame Deer	MT	59043
Williams	Kyle Lynn	C/O Michelle Martinez	1303 Rebecca Dr.	Gainesville	TX	76240
Williams	Christopher Garrett		P.O. Box 235	Hammon	OK	73650

Parada	Breanna Darlene		2814 Apache Dr.	Woodward	OK	73801
Parler	Gary Wayne		11365 Hwy 229 N	Clark	AR	72949
Patterson	Trudi Lynn	1206 Industrial Blvd		El Reno	OK	73036
Patty	Joanta Sara		225 West 9th St	Wewoka	OK	74864
Pawnee	Margaret		121 S Garfield	Calumet	OK	73014
Payen	Miguel Victor		9504 N Mac Arthur	Oklahoma City	OK	73132
Pedro	James Alexander Winterhawk		2123 N. Hartford Ave. Apt. B	Tulsa	OK	74106
Pedro	Sarah Renee	C/O Nancy Westfall	3815 N Bell Ave	Shawnee	OK	74804
Pedro	Thomas Vincent		210 Talbalt St.	Concho	OK	73022
Pendergraft	James Richard		1308 W. I -240 Service Rd. Apt. 424	Oklahoma City	OK	73159
Perrin	Leighanna Grace		4493 N W 11th Ter.	Oklahoma City	OK	73127
Peters	Clarissa Ramos	C/o Stacy L. Fletcher	22765 E. 855 Rd.	Park Hill	OK	74451
Pewes	Karen Patricia		319 East Central	Anadarko	OK	73005
Pewes	Cassandra Lea		805 E. Ryan Dr. #11	Tea	SD	57064
Placker	Bonita Louise		5911 W. Ranger Lane	Oklahoma City	OK	73159
Pollock	Alvin Basil Eugene		PO Box 6	Concho	OK	73022
Pope	Lee Ann		321 S. Loring	Watonga	OK	73772
Powell #149465	Reginald Waylon	C M C - S C C - A4	Box 300	Canon City	CO	81215
Prairie Chief	Micaela Wren		531 S Keith	El Reno	OK	73036
Pratt	Regina Lynn		604 N Galena	Geary	OK	73040
Pratt	Tony Richard		424 SE 8th	Geary	OK	73040
Pryor	Leland Michael		304 Westover Ave.	Richmond	NY	40475
Ramos	Kristin Marie		P O Box 271263	Oklahoma City	OK	73137
Rash	Anthony Drake		721 S. Miller	El Reno	OK	73036
Raya	Danielle Renee		305 S. 9th St.	Hammon	OK	73650
Reckling	Jacob Michael	C/ O Michael And Christina Reckling	45123 Collective Orders	Temecula	CA	92592
Red Bird	John Clarence		708 1/2 S Reno	El Reno	OK	73036
Redbird	Scarlett Rose		16208 Soissonall Dr.	Edmond	OK	73013
Rednose	Sheri Dawn		1408 Skyview Dr.	El Reno	OK	73036
Reed	Mason Alexander	C/o Carla K. Reed	P.O. Box 443	Kingfisher	OK	73750



Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal youth, along with Lt. Governor Cornell Sankey, Executive Director of Health Nicolas Barton SPF-TIG Coordinator Clara Bushyhead and tribal elder Moses Starr attended the historical visit with Vice Admiral Vivek Murthy, U.S. Surgeon General at the Citizen Potawatomi Heritage Cultural Center in Shawnee, Okla.

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table discussion held at the Absentee Little Axe Health Center in Norman, Okla. Following a tour of the health facility, Murthy traveled to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Center in Shawnee, Okla., for the remainder of the events.

Eight tribal youth from each of the four tribes currently operating under the Southern Plains Tribal Health Board’s grant, SPF-TIG met for a private lunch with the surgeon general to discuss issues facing Native American youth. Included were Cheyenne and Arapaho Youth Council members, Male Co-President Allen Sioux Jr., and Female Co-President Rachelle RomanNose.

While the youth and Murthy enjoyed their private lunch, guests enjoyed a catered lunch while watching four PSA videos created by each of the tribes’ youth depicting their approach to fighting substance and alcohol abuse among their peers.

Following lunch, Citizen Potawatomi Chairman Rocky Barrett, along with Comanche Nation’s Malayna Dinwiddie, female co-president of ‘IAMNDN’ and Murthy settled on leather couches to begin an informal town hall meeting. Dinwiddie and Barrett asked the surgeon general six specific questions before opening up the floor for questions from the audience.

Barrett asked the surgeon general what his priorities were for 2016 and why.

“I know there are a lot of health challenges facing people, but two big ones we want to take on this year is addiction and emotional wellbeing. And another one is e-cigarettes. We have a real problem in our country today with abuse of prescription opioids, which are painkillers and these prescription pain medications have been prescribed more and more over the last 15 years but they are also very addictive. We have seen a dramatic increase in the number of people who have overdosed and died with these prescription pain meds. So one of the campaigns we are working on this year is the prescription opiate problem where we are going to be working with doctors, nurse practitioners, dentists and physician assistants who prescribe these prescription medicines,” Murthy responded.

He further stated he was also rolling out a campaign surrounding e-cigarettes. According to recent data Murthy said there has been a dramatic increase in the number of kids using e-cigarettes ... an almost 900 percent increase from 2011 to 2015.

“There are more kids now smoking e-cigarettes than traditional cigarettes, which is a real problem because the nicotine is highly addictive and what we don’t want is to have a whole new generation of kids who are addicted to e-cigarettes. E-cigarettes have no place in the lives of children,” Murthy said.

Barrett told Murthy that addiction was a long-standing issue in Indian Country and wondered why the government was just now paying so much attention to the addiction crisis.

“Frankly, you’re right, addiction has been a problem in America for a long time, for decades and I wish we had paid much more attention to it 20 or 30 years ago. The truth is we were paying attention to it but we were treating it as a criminal justice problem and not seeing it as a public health problem. As a result many people who needed medical treatment ended up in jail and that was not helpful to them, it was not helpful to communities and actually it wasn’t helpful to taxpayers either who are paying a lot as our incarceration population rate grew,” Murthy stated.



Christian Wassana plays the drum as Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal youth sing a song in their Native language as Vice Admiral Vivek Muthry arrives at the Citizen Potawatomi Heritage Cultural Center in Shawnee. (Photo by Linda Hulbutta)



U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy gives Allen Sioux, Male Co-President of the Cheyenne & Arapaho Youth Council. (Photo by Rosemary Stephens)

One issue surrounding instilling preventive measures against addiction, according to Murthy is the stigma attached to the addiction. He said it was important to recognized that addiction is a public health problem, as obvious as that may seem to some, it hasn’t ben how addiction has been treated historically in this country.

“One thing we can do is start to focus on getting people treatment and funding treatment. One thing I am happy to say is our department, the Department of Health and Human Services has invested a lot in expanding treatment. Just a couple months ago we announced a \$94 million grant, called Medication Assistant Treatment for opioid addiction. President Obama is also very committed to this issue and he has proposed in his budget over \$1 billion dollars in new funds to help expand treatment as well as improve prescribing practices and access to Naloxone,” Murthy said. “There is a lot of attention that the president and the rest of his administration are bringing to this issue, I think that’s good, but one of the things we have to do that the president can’t do, that lawmakers can’t do, we have to change how we as a country think about addiction. That’s more about a cultural issue. We have to do that because the stigma that still surrounds addiction prevents people from coming forward and asking for help.”

Ending the town hall meeting, Murthy stressed the importance of changing the way people look at addiction.

“We see addiction as a bad choice, a moral failing or character flaw but increasingly what we have become to understand is it is a disease of the brain. It is a chronic illness just like diabetes and heart disease, and the more we understand that, the more we free addiction from judgment and the easier it will be for people to ask for help and easier for us to help our communities to start healing.”

Bison herd

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A calf from the Cheyenne and Arapaho buffalo herd stands up after falling right after it is born. This is one of many calves being born in Concho. (Courtesy photo)

grass prairie.

A minutes-old bison calf stands on shaky legs and hobbles toward its mother, its confidence and strength growing with each step across the tallgrass. It is the 241st member of the herd, some of which weigh as much as a ton.

“We’re coming back,” Hart said. “We feel it’s not only our duty but an honor for us to try to bring back the bison, as well.”

Bison became the country’s first national mammal after President Barack Obama signed off on a new law Monday. The animal’s new designation is a welcome development, Hart said.

“To the Cheyenne and Arapaho people as well as a lot of other Native American tribes, the buffalo has been an animal very sacred to us. It helped sustain us in the past, our livelihood, our lifestyle,” he said. “It’s up there now with the eagle, and both the eagle and the bison have reverence among the Cheyenne and Arapaho people.”

(While the scientific name is bison, buffalo is culturally accepted.)

Providing food
The herd began in 1980 with a gift of 29 bison. In 2015, it provided 9,000 pounds of meat for tribal elders enrolled in a diabetes program and for ceremonies. But with 10,000 acres of tribal land in Oklahoma, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes plan to grow the herd to about 800 and send meat to market beyond its own tribal members. It’s among a first wave of Oklahoma tribes seeking to use tribal lands and sell bison meat to a larger market, said Jim Stone, executive director of the South Dakota-based InterTribal Buffalo Council, a federally chartered Indian organization that seeks to return bison to tribal lands.

While the council’s primary goal has been to facilitate the transfer of bison from federal lands to tribes, that’s changing as tribes signify more interest in selling bison meat beyond tribal school lunch programs and health programs, Stone said.

The group began in 1992 with a handful of tribes among its membership. Today, 62 tribes in 19 states, of 566 federally recognized

tribes nationwide, seek the support of the council. Among its membership are six of 38 federally recognized Oklahoma tribes, like the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Cherokee Nation and the Quapaw Tribe, Stone said.

A partnership between the Cheyenne and Arapaho and KivaSun Foods, a company founded by Notah Begay III, is underway. Begay is part Navajo and began his company to honor bison and fortify its ties to American Indian sustenance. The antibiotic-free, hormone-free bison meat is sold at retailers such as Costco, Walmart and Omaha Steaks.

“Starts at the grassroots”
“If we take care of the land, the land’s going to take care of the buffalo, the buffalo is going to take care of the people. It literally starts at the grassroots,” Hart said as members of the herd munched big bluestem and little bluestem, switchgrass, gama grass and Indiangrass.

As leases on tribal lands in western Oklahoma expire, the tribe is working to return farmland to native prairie that can serve as a food source to the tribe’s bison, Hart said. In a parallel effort, his tribe wants to farm some of the land itself rather than lease it out.

“We were from the Great Lakes originally. We were horticulture people who lived in permanent dwellings. With expansion from the east, tribes left and moved west, over several generations adapted a new lifestyle of mobility on the Plains. That’s when the bison became a very prominent supplier of everything we needed: clothing, lodging, weaponry, tools and a food source.”

Massacres of the bison decimated Indian cultures.

Under a puffy cloud Wednesday, the new calf chases its mother and gains footing in the dusty red earth.

“A number of tribes are moving into bringing back the bison, restoring their rangelands and growing their numbers. We’re a part of that, and it’s very pleasing to see the smile on the elders’ faces,” Hart said. “They know what we’re doing they drive through here and see the buffalo.”

BRIEFS AT A GLANCE

The 10th annual Native American Economic Development Conference
June 6-7, 2016 at the Disney’s Grand Californian Hotel & Spa in Anaheim, Calif. For more information or to register visit www.nativenationevents.org.

Native American Student Advocacy Institute’s Many Nations, One Vision Conference
June 6-7, 2016 at the Arizona State University in Tempe, Ariz. For more information or to register visit

www.nasai.collegeboard.org.

National Congress of American Indian Mid-Year Conference
June 8-11, 2016 at the Dena’ina Civic & Convention Center in Anchorage, Alaska. For more information or to register visit www.ncai.org.

The 2016 Native Innovation Education Technology Conference
June 10-11, 2016 at the Twin Arrows Navajo Casino Resort in Flagstaff, Ariz. For more information or to register

ter visit www.nativeinnovation.com.

Management Skills for New Supervisors within Tribal Organizations
June 13-14, 2016 at the Westin Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Robert’s Rules of Order
June 15-17, 2016 at the Westin Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The 2016 Reaching the Wounded Student Conference
June 26-29, 2016 at the Embassy Suites Orlando-Lake Buena Vista South in Kissimmee, Fla. For more information or to register visit www.dropoutprevention.org.

Strategies for Working with Youth in Indian Country
July 18-20, 2016 in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Understanding the Indian Self-Determination Act-Contracting and Compacting Under P.L. 93-638
July 20-21, 2016 at the Platinum Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The 2016 National UNITY Conference
July 22-26, 2016 at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City. For more information visit www.classy.org/oklahoma-city/events/2016-national-uni

ty-conference/e65312.

Federal Grants and Contract Accounting for Tribal Organizations
July 25-26, 2016 at the Platinum Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Fundamentals of Grant Writing
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Native high school students should be allowed to wear eagle feathers at graduation

By Dr. Erich Longie

I want to talk about Indian Education and how it has evolved over the years to where it reached the point we are at now, standing here before you requesting permission for our Indian students to wear an eagle feather, or an eagle plume, or a beaded graduation cap during graduation ceremonies.

Over the years I have held many positions in education; I was a 3rd grade teacher, Adult Basic Education Instructor, Tribal College Academic Dean, Tribal College President and an administrator for an Early Childhood program. I love education and I promote it tirelessly. I see it as a way out of the poverty that is so prevalent on our reservation. But, there was a time when I hated education and everyone in it. Why? Because, it did not respect me for whom I was as a person. It tried to make me into someone that I wasn't. It wasn't until I attended a tribal college where our culture was incorporated into the curriculum that I embraced the White man's education. Let me tell you a little about Indian education and maybe you will understand why high school seniors should be allowed to wear eagle feathers during their graduation ceremony.

For the past 150 years, when it came to education of Indians, your education system's main purpose was to eradicate our culture and to make White men out of us. At first it was successful, but with devastating results. Without our culture we lost our kinship systems that held our families together, we no longer practiced our values of courage, honesty, perse-

verance, and generosity and our reservations became a very hard place to earn a living. However, a few of us who remembered our culture began to teach it to others. As a result, today our culture is strong and vibrant, and getting stronger every year.

Sending Indian students to boarding school was the first attempt to stamp out our culture. We were told to forget our Dakota values of generosity, tolerance, honesty, and compassion and were taught the importance of acquiring private property and material wealth, two values that were the total opposite of what we believed in. We had to cut our hair and wear white man's clothing, we were given English names, we were taught to use knives, forks, spoons, napkins and tablecloths. We spent countless hours marching to and from classes, meals and dormitories. The boarding schools hoped to produce students who were economically self-sufficient by teaching work skills and instill values and beliefs of possessive individualism, meaning that you care about yourself and what you as a person own. This was directly opposed to our kinship system where being a good relative, who looked after the young, the elderly, the less fortunate, was the most important thing in our lives.

I went to boarding school in the late 60's during my high school years. It was a non-Indian school located 30 miles off the reservation. We boarded a bus on Sunday and came home Friday evening. Expectations were low. We, along with some Caucasian students who were outcast

were segregated. We were all put in the same class and academically we were always behind our fellow classmates who were in different classes. We weren't encouraged to join any extra-curricular activities except sports.

When I returned for my senior year I neglected to cut my hair like I did every fall before I returned to school. I had enough of following the White man's ways as far as my personal appearance was concerned, so I didn't cut my hair. At the end of that week, on Friday, right before school let out I was called to the principal's office and told to cut my hair or not to return the following week. I returned to school anyway, without cutting my hair and after a stare down between the principal and myself, I was sent to class.

At our school reunion this past summer a fellow Maddock alumni who was a grade behind me told me how they used me as an example the year following my graduation. Apparently, several non-Indian boys grew their hair long and when they were told to cut it they pointed out that I was allowed to have long hair. They won their fight, by using me as an example. Through Facebook, I am now in contact with several of my former classmate, classmates that I barely spoke to while in high school. Many of them say they wished there was some type of diversity program when we were in high school, for now they regret not getting to know us Indians better.

When tribal colleges were started they demonstrated that we Indian people didn't



have to give up our culture to do well in school. Incorporating our culture into the curriculum is the norm not the exception. As a result, we have now reached a point where we have doctors, lawyers, engineers, nurses, etc., all because our tribal colleges realized we don't have to give up our tradition to become successful in the White man's world. For many of us, walking in two worlds is now the norm.

It's not like we are totally against your system...in fact we have assimilated into the mainstream to the point that we now consider it our system also. As you have required, we have learned your language, we wear your clothes, we eat your food, and we go to your schools, most of us are willing to walk in two world with the majority of our walk in your world, but in our hearts we are still Dakota, Ojibwa, Hidatsa, Mandan, Arikara etc., we are still Native American with

our own beliefs and spirituality that have existed for thousands of years. Not allowing our students to wear an eagle feather or bead their graduation cap is akin to the church not allowing pious parents to baptize their child because of the type of clothes they wear.

We have grown to respect your world, we learned your values, we try to excel in your education system, yet you do not make the effort to learn about us, and why our culture is important to us. For example, you say you are honoring us by displaying all kinds of Indian logos and mascots and dressing up in Indian regalia at their sports events, events where alcohol is consumed, where our customs and sacred regalia are mocked and ridiculed, all which is very demeaning to Indian people. Now you have a chance to really honor us Indians by allowing our youth to incorporate parts of their traditional regalia into their graduation gowns, but

you won't.

To put it another way, you allow racist behavior at sport events, while preventing our youth from proudly displaying bits of their cultural heritage at the most important event of life up to now. It just doesn't make sense.

I think it's time for the your educational system to meet us halfway. What harm is an eagle feather, or an eagle plume, or a beaded graduation cap going to do? It's against your policy? Put aside those policies and procedures that are preventing our youth from participating in your activities simply because there are Indian and are different from you.

After all an educational system is supposed to make students feel welcome and accepted. Should these students be denied their right they will leave their school with a bad memory, something no self-respecting educator would want.

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Tesoro Cultural Center celebrates Colorado’s Native history

By Shaida Tabrizi / Freelance Reporter

On May 14-15, while the mist settled on a small clearing nestled in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, dancers, artists and spectators gathered on the former Native American council grounds to take part in the Tesoro Cultural Center’s 16th annual Indian Market and Powwow.

Based in Morrison, Colo., the Tesoro Center was founded with the purpose of showcasing the rich history of the many groups that have inhabited the southwestern United States. This year Tesoro pulled out all the stops to not only celebrate Native culture, but also to encourage all to benefit through participation.

Built in the 1960s by the late Dr. Samuel Paul Arnold, Dr. Mary Fox Arnold, The Fort served as a family home, living museum and restaurant to current Executive Director of Tesoro Cultural Center Holly Arnold Kinney. It was designed to be an exact replica of Bent’s Old Fort, originally located near La Junta, Colo.

“The powwow got started because Holly really wanted to revive this passion for history and culture, bringing together all these people that used to trade and coexist,” Chelsea O’Neil, public relations agent for Tesoro said. “She became very good friends with the Emhoolahs, Debbie and John, so they kind of helped her put all of this together as a cultural celebration of everybody that lived and traded at Bent’s Fort in the 1840s.”

Event attendees wandered through the grounds of the fort between dramatic red rock formations and market booths and then finally down the steep hill to the powwow grounds where the dance competitions took place. In addition to the juried dance competitions and art show, the organizers encouraged

participation through educational interactive exhibits like HawkQuest, learning about the eagle that led the powwow’s grand entry, a fashion show and music demonstrations.

“This year is the first year that they’re doing friendship dances that the public can participate in. The fashion show is new too this year,” O’Neill said. “And then not new but noteworthy, they have the Adams Dance Group here this year. And that’s a really cool past-culture experience for kids to participate in.”

Over 30 artists represented their tribes at the market, and for two Cheyenne and Arapaho artists, Brent Learned and George Levi, making the trip felt like coming home.

“There’s a nice Cheyenne and Arapaho feel because this was our area. It was a no brainer to come up here,” Learned said, sitting in his booth surrounded by his unique watercolor tissue paper art.

Levi felt the same way, adding that the region is part of the C&A homelands, which added an extra gratification for the response to his ledger art.

“People are blown away by the history of it. It’s unique to the show, doing Cheyenne style art,” Levi said. “I’m just trying to highlight our culture.”

In a booth so crowded with those interested in his work, it was almost easy to miss Levi’s first place prize for his piece, ‘New Cheyenne Warchief.’

“It always feels good,” Levi said with a self-deprecating shrug. “Not that I think art should be a competition. But it’s nice.”

Learned and Levi both reside in Oklahoma, where the recent Bill 2261, which redefines the definition of who can rightly sell Indian art,

passed in the state’s House of Representatives.

When asked about the bill, Learned stated that he is in favor of including Native American descendants in art shows, no matter their blood quantum.

“They’re eliminating generations of artists because they don’t qualify based on blood quantum,” Learned said. “It’s kind of killing the art world in Oklahoma. If you have Indian blood, you should be able to show.”

Levi shared a similar view, yet his opinion became more complicated when remembering his experiences dealing with the counterfeiting of his own art.

“That’s a touchy bill. I know there are a lot of artists that are against it,” Levi said. “To me, the way I feel is the way Cheyennes say and Arapahos say: if you’ve got one drop of Cheyenne blood in you, you’re Cheyenne. That’s the way I see it. If you can prove that you’re Cheyenne then you’re in. But sometimes, how are you going to know? If you can prove you’re Indian, you’re Indian. But if you just want to play Indian and dress up and put on a show, I don’t know.”

Only time will tell if HB 2261 becomes a more controversial topic for Native activists, yet the Tesoro Indian Market and Powwow took pride in honoring a longtime advocate for Native American rights, Terry Knight.

Knight, Ute Mountain Ute tribe, served in the U.S. Air Force from 1972-1976 and was chosen as Tesoro’s 2016 Honored Veteran. Ernest House Jr., executive secretary of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs, donned his war bonnet to introduce Knight and spoke at length of Knight’s advocacy work.

“He has been a steadfast advocate and leader for



First place winner of the Tesoro Indian Market art show, Cheyenne artist George Levi proudly stands beside his ledger style art ‘New Cheyenne Warchief.’ (Photo by Shaida Tabrizi)

change around Native American graves and repatriation issues,” House said. “Colorado has some of the strictest laws regarding graves and repatriation because of him.”

Knight was honored with a Pendleton blanket as well as a veteran dance. His own feelings about the privilege were very humble.

“I’m glad to be here,” Knight said. “Nobody’s ever honored me before.”

Kinney added a historical touch from Tesoro in her personal speech congratulating Knight, including his family in her thanks as well.

“You have fought for freedom. You veterans are the reason we are here and living free today. Thank you for your service. And all the families who have sacrificed so much so that you may serve, thank you families,” Kinney said. “On behalf of the Tesoro Cultural Center I want you to know, the Utes told me this valley here in the free days before the Indian Wars, this was council grounds for the many tribes to work out their differences.



es. But they said they fought on the flatlands over there, which is Denver. This very land may have been where your ancestors danced and

worked out and had council.”

For more information about the Tesoro Cultural Center, visit www.tesoroculturalcenter.org.



OPEN RECRUITMENT EVENTS FOR CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO HEAD START CENTERS

➔ 10 A.M. - 4 P.M. JUNE 13-15 **CANTON HEAD START**

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Cook until the cheese is melted. Repeat with remaining three tortillas.

Cut each quesadilla into three triangles and serve with salsa and/or sour cream on the side.



POWWOWS & EVENTS CALENDAR

CHR Summer Safety Fair

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. June 1 at the Seiling Little Gym in Seiling, Okla.

Transportation will be provided by the CHR Program from all communities.

Events / topics include driving simulation, water safety, weather safety, CPR/First Aid, injury prevention, powwow safety, distracted driving and more.

Reserve transportation by May 27 by calling 405-

422.7670. First 25 registered participants will receive pool passes.

Arapaho District 3 End of School Activity

June 3 beginning at 9 a.m. at the Oklahoma City Zoo. Lunch will be provided. Only 200 tickets available, all community members must be registered in A3 District to attend activity.

For more information call 405-201-0571 or 405-227-9186.

Cheyenne District 3 & Arapaho District 3 Summer Fun

June 8 in Clinton, Okla. Pizza and pop party at the McLain Rogers Park Pavilion at 5 p.m., followed by a swimming pool party from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

June 16 in Weatherford, Okla.

Cookout at Means Park beginning at 4 p.m., followed by a pool party from 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

All children must be

accompanied by an adult. Sponsored by Cheyenne District 3 Legislator Reggie Wassana.

Canton Health Screening

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. June 15 at the Canton Gym in Canton, Okla.

National Cancer Survivor’s Month. Presenters include Susan Bedwell, Watonga Indian Health Center and Rebekah Ellis, cancer survivor.

A light meal will be served. For more information call 405-422-7670.

Kingfisher Health Screening

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. June 16 at the All Nations Baptist Church, 600 E. Boradway in Kingfisher, Okla. Presenters include Deborah Ellis, Health Education Program, Justina Prairie Chief on physical activity and Rebekah Ellis, cancer survivor.

For more information call

405-422-7670.

All Nations Baptist Church Vacation Bible School

June 21-23 at 600 E. Broadway in Kingfisher, Okla. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. children kindergarten through 6th grade. 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. youth in grades 7th through 12th.

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Oklahoma Sex
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Tribal Sex Offender
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pw.gov/](http://catribes.nso-
pw.gov/)

State Sex Offender Web-
site- [http://sors.doc.state.
ok.us/](http://sors.doc.state.
ok.us/)

National Sex Offender
Website- [http://www.nsopw.
gov/](http://www.nsopw.
gov/)

Here are some other
helpful links to use:

Preventing and Respond-
ing to Child Abuse Resource

the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Sex Offender Registry.

Tribal Sex Offender Website- <http://catribes.nso-pw.gov/>
State Sex Offender Website- <http://sors.doc.state.ok.us/>
National Sex Offender Website- <http://www.nsopw.gov/>
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www.darkness2light.org/
www.icctc.org/
www.ihs.gov/forpatients/healthtopics/Child-Maltreatment/
www.jwrc.org/
www.nicwa.org/child_abuse_prevention/
www.nsopw.gov/core-resources.aspx
www.saferociety.org/
www.stopitnow.com/
www.thejoyfulchild.org/
www.tribal-institute.org/download/Passports_for_Native_Children.pdf



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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: MARIA JO PENA
 JEREMIAH ROQUE

You are hereby notified that LISA PENA has filed in this Court a Petition For Guardianship of the person S.R., A.R. and S.R. minor children, and that on this 19th day of MAY, 2016, the petitioner, LISA PENA was granted Temporary Emergency Guardianship of the minor child, and that said Petition is hereby set for a Show Cause Hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 1st day of JUNE, 2016 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said Permanent Guardianship should not be granted.

Dated this 19th day of MAY, 2016.


 Fran Wilson, Deputy Court Clerk
 Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

Petitioner:
 LISA PENA

In Honor of Ceremonies
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SALARY: Negotiable

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Must have a valid Oklahoma driver's license and be willing to obtain a CDL and Bus Driver's Certificate within 90 days of hire. Must be in good physical health which allows lifting and moving. Knowledge of Head Start is desirable. Ability to work independently. A high school diploma or GED certification required. Must be familiar with federal, regional, state and local Tribal regulations as they apply to the specific area of program operations.

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Qualifications:
Valid Oklahoma Class D driver's license. Must possess or be willing to obtain CPR certification. Transit drivers must pass a pre-employment drug screening process and are subjected to random drug testing. Must be able to lift a minimum of 50 pounds with no physical barriers. Applicant must be able to communicate effectively to patrons and supervisors any findings or incidents. High school diploma or GED equivalent is required. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference.

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NOTICE: The July 1 issue of the Tribal Tribune will publish on July 5, 2016

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This survey is a tool used to find out what our community thinks the main health concerns in the areas of tobacco use, nutrition and obesity.

The M-Power contract is in the beginning stages of planning. The survey will provide the community views.

When a survey is completed, an incentive of up to \$20 in value will be given. Names and addresses are needed of those who would like to participate.

Please contact the Health Education at 405-422-7674 or 405-422-7676 or dellis@c-a-tribes.org.



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The Office of the Tribal Council Community Informational Meeting

The Office of the Tribal Council is inviting all tribal members to attend a Tribal Council Community Meeting in Clinton, OK. This is meeting is requested by the Tribal Elders and other Tribal Members of that community. All Tribal Members from surrounding communi-

ties are encouraged to attend the meeting. Light meal will be served.

Schedule for the Informational Meeting is as follows:

6 p.m., Tuesday June 7
Clinton Community
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The Mission is Possible ...

We just need to face the challenge to help our Native American children

By Patricia Smith / Freelance Reporter

Native American children under 15 years of age have the highest suicide rate in this country according to Suicide Among Adolescents - Oklahoma Vital Statistics.

Oklahoma is ranked #11 in teenage suicides according to the Oklahoma Medical Examiner. One out of three suicides among persons 14 years of age or older involves alcohol. Alcohol abuse is the leading and perhaps most costly risk factor among Native American youth today, underlying many major causes of Native American deaths and contributing to an array of physical conditions and premature death according to the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Minority Health.

The 23rd Annual Children’s Behavioral Health Conference was a three-day event at the Embassy Suites. May 11-13.

This year’s theme was *The Mission is Possible – Facing the Challenge*. Local, state and national leaders were guest speakers and in attendance sharing hope, recovery and resilience to help children and communities to assist with facilitating treatment, recovery and wellness.

One of the guest speakers during the conference was Cherokee member Tom Anderson, MPH. He is the Tribal Epidemiologist at the Oklahoma City Area Inter

Tribal Health Board. Anderson’s presentation focused on evidence based practice prevention. He shared that we need to change our culture.

“Culture as prevention is a promising best practice based tool for native youth engagement. This mission is definitely possible.”

Anderson has been a voice for tribes, tribal health issues and advocacy locally, regionally and nationally for many years. He has been actively involved in substance abuse prevention targeting youth.

Bill O’Hanlon, a renowned international author was one of the keynote speakers. He talked about isolation being an element in depression. Statistics he shared were, “Shared family dinners and family vacations were down over a third in the last 25 years, having friends over were down 45 percent over the last 25 years, church attendance was down by a third since the 1960s, one in four Americans have no one to confide in and one in five households were headed by a single parent. Isolation plays a big part in our childrens’ lives and depression.”

He encouraged connections as the ‘Mission Possible’ pathway to relieving depression.

Other renowned national institute speakers included Dr. Tessa Chesser, Dr. Joseph Spinazzola, Tara

Brown, The Connection Coach from the Learner’s Edge, Dr. Cardwell Nuckols, consultant to the FBI.

There were several breakout speakers that addressed the conference subjects. These conference subjects / tracks included Adolescence and Substance Abuse, Behavioral Health Leadership, Behavioral Health Wellness, Early Childhood, Trauma and Resilience and Youth.

Vendors were in attendance that offered a variety of services to help the youth included the University of Oklahoma, White Horse Ranch in Mooreland Okla., Rolling Hills Hospital in Ada Okla., Integris Health, Cedar Ridge, Hope Community Services and Red River Youth Academy in Norman Okla.

One highlighted facility was the Jack Brown Treatment Center located in Tahlequah, Okla. It is a 24-hour facility operated by the Cherokee Nation Health Services. Its mission is to serve Native American youth with substance abuse problems by providing opportunities for education, mental, spiritual, emotional and physical growth through treatment.

“The facility’s goal is to provide the Native American youth with a sense of cultural identity and provide the youth with a safe environment while building their self-confidence and enhancing life skills,” Darren Dry,



Loni West and Katherine Leidy from Red River Youth Academy in Norman explains their program to an attendee. (Photo by Patricia Smith)

director said.

One-hundred and one-praise words and phrases to praise a child were shared by the Cedar Ridge Residential Treatment Center. These phrases included, ‘Wow, Way to go,’ ‘Super,’ ‘You’re special,’ ‘Outstanding,’ ‘You’re fantastic,’ ‘Good Job,’ and ‘I love you,’ just to name a few. They emphasized that praise from those nearest and dearest to

the child, to reassure a child should be used daily.

Teresa Croom and Tori Collier, both with the Children’s Behavioral Health Conference shared that it was wonderful experience.

Croom has worked with the conference for 10 out of the 23 years that it has taken place.

“The theme was very hopeful. Their goal was to inspire hope and to inspire

strategy for hope, resilience and recovery. The theme itself ‘Facing The Challenge’ was to reinforce Mission Possible and not Mission Impossible,” Collier said.

They hoped that they had confirmed, inspired and empowered the attendees to feel recharged so attendees would go out and inspire hope in others.



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WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?



Cyle “Cowboy” Black Eagle expands life goals after attending Texas football camp

I think the Native All-Stars kind of dug us all out of a hole.” - Cyle Black Eagle, Ashland

Go to any town or school meeting on the Crow Reservation and, when tribal leaders and elders wax nostalgic about their youth, they’ll often bring up a basketball team or season from the past that they considered exceptional. Comparatively few local people show interest in American Indian football.

This makes Cyle “Cowboy” Black Eagle of Ashland, born in Lodge Grass, a bit of an oddity when he traveled to Arlington, Tex. for an eight-day football camp to play for the Eagles in the 13th annual Native All-Star Football Classic.

Designed specifically for American Indians by Dallas-based nonprofit organization Native ReVision, the camp ran from June 28 to July 4 and pitted the Blue Eagles against the Red Hawks on the last day.

As the camp’s only Crow tribal member, Black won the defensive MVP for the Eagles and Alex Battiest leadership trophy among a group of more than 30 Amer-

ican Indian players who are standouts in their own right.

And to think that, when he graduated this year from St. Labre Indian School, Black Eagle believed his football career was over.

“The coaches, after the game, spoke with us and recommended that he go to Fort Lewis to play football, because there’s no football program at Little Big Horn College,” said Kathleen Carpenter, Black Eagle’s mother. “They said that Cowboy was on a whole other level.”

Black Eagle will be joining several other camp alumni at Fort Lewis College, located in Durango, Colo., and intends to play football on an NCAA Division II team called the Skyhawks.

Carpenter, in a statement that Black Eagle agreed with, said he used football as a “creative outlet” for the frustrations involved in growing up in a single-parent home.

If his previous games are any indication, he will approach his college football career “like I’m in war.”

All-Star game

The Eagles started off close according to ReVision’s Facebook recap of the

July 4 game in the University of Texas-Arlington stadium, ending the first quarter 6-7 and pulling ahead 14-7 with about 4:30 left in the second quarter. By halftime, they were tied 14-14.

The competition, Black Eagle said, was tougher than usual with no weak links to exploit.

“It was different than high school,” he said. “Everybody knew their spots and everybody was more intense.”

According to Steve Cardwell, founder of Native ReVision, Black Eagle “really separated himself” at the beginning of the third quarter by tackling Hawk players who might have otherwise made more touchdowns against the Eagles. It was for these tackles that Eagle coaches spotlighted him for the MVP award.

“He made a couple of shoestring tackles where if they’d have gotten by him, they were gone,” Cardwell said. “The game could have really got out of hand...there probably would have been another 14 points on the board.”

The Hawks pulled ahead 20-14 on a touchdown with

about 5:30 left in the third quarter. The Eagles, not ones to give up, returned with a touchdown of their own and a 2-point conversion, taking the lead 22-14.

The Hawks fought back with 73-yard kickoff by Derald Isom, Mississippi Choc-taw, and another 2-point conversion. Quarter No. 3 ended and the score was 22-28 in the Hawks’ favor.

In keeping with the game’s back-and-forth pattern, the Eagles earned another touchdown and kicked a field goal to bring the score back in their favor 30-28. Unfortunately for Black Eagle, it was not to be quite so easy. About a minute later, the Hawks ran a touchdown and kicked a field goal. The Eagles were down 30-36.

“Red Hawks hold after huge sack,” an update stated, “and now deep inside Blue Eagles territory. 2:27 left to play.”

About 30 seconds later, the Hawks scored another touchdown, pulling ahead 43-30.

Despite the loss, the lead-up to the game and competition itself was something of a revelation to Black Eagle.

“You can play football the rest of your life,” he said. “We didn’t know that until the coaches brought us out and put us on a college football field. We went to a professional football field.”

Expanding horizons

In addition to football, Black Eagle not only trained for high school track and basketball, but also played on the Rocky Mountain College honor band, served as vice president of his senior class, participated in FFA and maintained a B average. The main reason he cites for trying activities that make him “pull out [his] hair sometimes”, Black Eagle said, was that he wanted build himself an opportunity to get out of Montana and see what the rest of the world had to offer.

“I think the Native All-Stars kind of dug us all out of a hole,” Black Eagle said. “Everybody’s story was the same: after high school, everybody had a dream, but they were stuck. After going to Native All-Stars and actually knowing that you could be somebody, it showed us that we could crawl out of

the hole.

“We thought we were just going to be another Native on the reservation, but after going in this, they said, ‘You can be like anybody else’. You can be a lawyer, a doctor, a judge, a cop or join the military.”

Digging players out of metaphorical holes is one of the reasons that Native ReVision organizes the All-Star Football Classic. The website states they use competitive sports as a way to support and challenge athletes in addition to cutting down on Native dropout rates, crime, health problems and substance abuse.

Cardwell said Black Eagle was an especially inquisitive player, who asked questions of speakers brought in by Native ReVision when others would have remained silent. Speakers included Principal Chief George Tiger of the Creek Nation and former Principal Chief Chadwick Smith of the Cherokee Nation.

“Cyle knows that we need more leaders in Indian Country,” he said, “and hopefully, in 10 years, I expect Cyle to be one of those leaders.”



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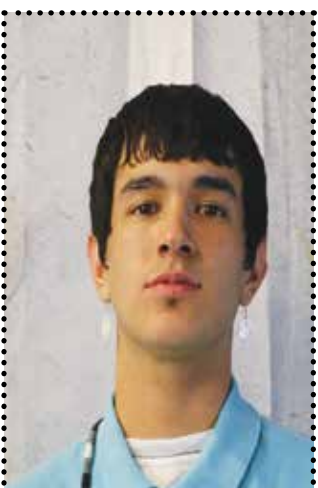
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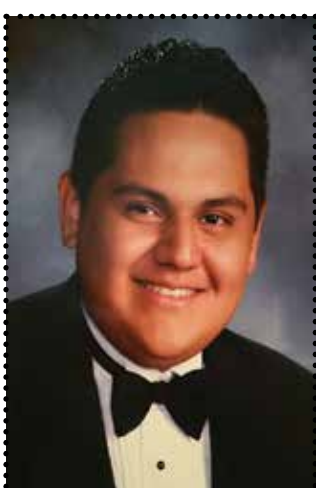
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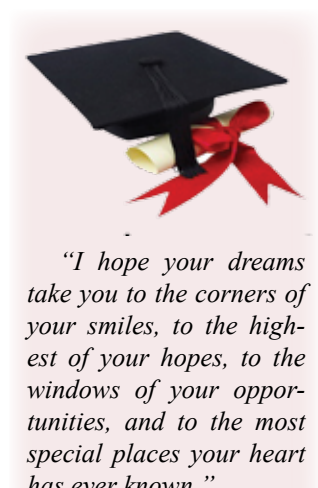
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